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RECEPTION CENTER HONOLULU

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SUBJECT: INCIDENT INVOLVING ROC CONSUL GENERAL AT
HONOLULU

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

HONOLULU RECEPTION CENTER FOR WALSTROM

1. MINISTER-COUNSELOR HENRY CHEN TELEPHONED TO INFORM US THAT ROC EMBASSY HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE "SOLEMN REPRESENTATION" OVER MANHANDLING OF ROC CONSUL GENERAL T.C. PU BY POLICE OFFICER AT INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FOR HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL. WE EXPRESSED SUITABLE APOLOGIES FOR "REGRETTABLE INCIDENT." CHEN TREATED MATTER LIGHTLY AND WE DO NOT EXPECT TO HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER ON SUBJECT FROM ROC EMBASSY. NEVERTHELESS, IN LIGHT OF ROC'S CURRENT SENSITIVITIES, WE SUGGEST YOU TAKE INITIATIVE AND MAKE SIMILAR LOW-KEY APOLOGY TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MOFA.

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2. ALTHOUGH DETAILS ARE STILL LACKING, ACCORDING PHONE

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT REP AT HONOLULU RECEPTION CENTER
INCIDENT AROSE OVER PU'S EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCESS INTO
CHAMBER WHERE INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR NEW CITY COUNCIL
WAS TAKING PLACE. PU HAD PRIVATE INVITATION FOR
CEREMONY. THERE WAS NO INVITED CONSULAR CORPS REPRESENTATION AS SUCH. FOR SOME APOLITICAL REASON, PERHAPS BECAUSE ALL SEATS WERE TAKEN OR CEREMONY WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY, PU WAS DENIED ENTRY INTO CHAMBER BY CITY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS RECOGNIZED. WHEN PU PERSISTED IN ATTEMPT TO ENTER, CITY COUNCIL EMPLOYEE SIGNALLED TO PLAINCLOTHESMAN WHO PUT A HAMMERLOCK ON PU AND FORCIBLY LED HIM AWAY. PU IS REPORTEDLY OUTRAGED OVER HIS TREATMENT AND CONSIDERED LEAVING HONOLULU, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOW DROPPED THAT IDEA. HONOLULU MAYOR AND DEPT. REP HAVE EXTENDED APOLOGIES AND WE HAVE ASKED THAT DEPT'S APOLOGIES ALSO BE CONVEYED TO PU.

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